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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: REFORM THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD SYSTEM**

Today, Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced a resolution calling for a taskforce to review the recent auditor's report on the neighborhood boards and make specific recommendations to the City Council on improving, reforming, or even eliminating, the neighborhood board system.

"The City Auditor's recent report on the neighborhood board system clearly showed major problems with the system. For my own experience as a Councilmember with seven different neighborhood boards in my council district, I see how some of the boards can be well run, but many others are ineffective and irrelevant. The auditor's report should spur the City Council to take action and I am asking for a taskforce to take a year and review the entire neighborhood board system in detail, from top to bottom. The taskforce will be given power to make recommendations to the City Council to validate the existing neighborhood board system, completely restructure it, or even eliminate the system entirely."

Last week, Honolulu City Auditor issued a report on the neighborhood boards and characterized the system as "disjointed" and "ineffective." The Honolulu City Council has not made any major modifications to neighborhood boards since the system's inception in 1972. Resolution 06-291 is scheduled to be heard next week on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in Executive Matters committee.

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